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**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

**HIGAKI et al.**

**Application Number: 10/803,910**

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**For: A STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE FOR LONGEVITY  
OF THE DISK SPINDLES BASED UPON ACCESS OF  
HARD DISK DRIVES (AS AMENDED)**

**Attorney Docket No. ASAM.0115**

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Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

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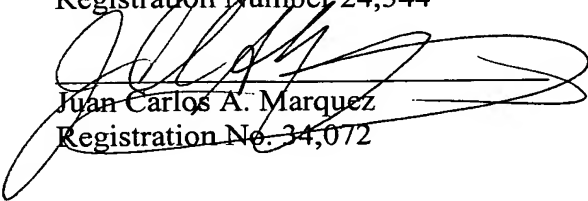
- [ x ] Preliminary Amendment  
(with Claim Amendments)  
[ ] Substitute Specification  
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- [ ] Petition for Extension of Time (\_\_\_ month)  
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